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## SAVE THE DATE

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) has initiated a project to revise and update the State of California Emergency Plan (SEP), which, according to the California Emergency Services Act, defines California's Emergency Management Program for that State and all levels of government.

The SEP was last revised in 1998, with a subsequent review and revision in 2005 to ensure the SEP complied with the Federal Government's National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidance. Since the last update the State's emergency management environment has change significantly, and the plan is being update to reflect, among other things:

- Lessons learned from recent events, including in-state events and major national events, such as Hurricane Katrina.
- The changing capabilities of state agencies that have responsibilities under the SEP.
- Ongoing developments at the national level, such as changes to NIMS and California's participation in the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.
- Ongoing revisions to the National Response Framework (previously titled the National Response Plan) and changes in Federal operations.
- The importance of regional capabilities and regional responses to major events.
- Advances in technology, such as information sharing and communications systems.
- Increased emphasis on collaboration with the private sector.
- All aspects of emergency management, not just response.
- Development of California Emergency Functions (CA-EFs) that will provide a mechanism for state agencies with similar functions to organize and coordinate their planning, preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery efforts. CA-EFs are not intended to replace or alter California's existing emergency response system, but to provide a vehicle for a more cohesive emergency management program within that structure.

This is the beginning of a major planning cycle for OES and the California emergency management community which requires extensive stakeholder involvement. **In order to facilitate this involvement, OES is conducting a variety of meetings for input into the SEP.** The meeting dates are:

February 15, 2008  
9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
OES Headquarters  
Multipurpose Rooms 1 and 2

AND

March 7, 2008  
Times to be Determined  
OES Headquarters  
Multipurpose Rooms 1 and 2

Please register your attendance by calling Terri Gill at (916) 845-8767 or email [terri.gill@oes.ca.gov](mailto:terri.gill@oes.ca.gov).

We look forward to your participation!